



AMDA NEWS

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REMEMBER to BRING ITEMS for the July AUCTION

Club Purpose

- Maintain and support a club to further the interests of its members in historic artifacts.
- Compile, record, and preserve historic data.
- Recover lost or hidden relics and artifacts.
- **Provide recreational activity and companionship of its members.**
- Provide a service to the community in finding lost items of value and importance.

AMDA is a FMDAC Club.

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AMDA Needs Your Help

Members need to volunteer for the following:

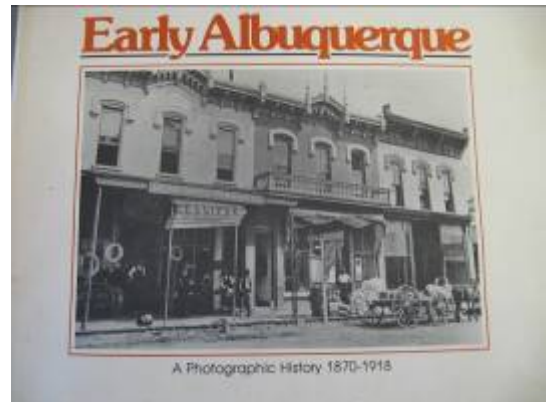
1. Monthly Snacks
2. Monthly Programs
3. Hunt Master

Sign up sheets will be at each meeting.

Remember to bring food donations each month for the Center.



Eddie Crisp donating book.



Book donated by Eddie & Jeannie Crisp.



Ray Alexander – Las Vegas, Nevada

Metal Detecting Tips

A LIFE TIME OF HUNTING SITES

There are many ways in which you can find older sites to detect. **First and foremost is using your mouth!** Talk about and promote your hobby with almost everyone you come in contact with. From your friends, your barber, the guy next to you in the restaurant, at weddings, etc. (you get the idea) - especially anyone who comes up to you when you are actually detecting!

Talk about your finds, where you found them and the types of sites you are most interested in. **In the course of the conversation, ask if they remember any sites like these.**

Also talk about how you retrieve your targets and the kind of metal detector you use. You will be absolutely amazed!!! **If you follow this advice on this one tip alone, you will have more sites to detect than you can hunt in a lifetime...**

RAILROAD STATIONS

Follow railway lines. Years ago, there were ten times the numbers of stations - small ones in rural areas that have long since vanished. If you can talk to railway old timers or get an old rail schedule, **you can find these places where people used to wait for trains.**

AMDA's Website – Whats New – Welcome/Chat with Members Posted by Tony Castillo on June 25th

Yesterday, Mickey and myself presented our club finds in a display case to Manual School officials. The finds were from 2 hunts we had, one last summer and one held in April this year. I will do a write-up plus include digital photos of the presentation and hopefully get it into our newsletter. More to follow.

Don't forget to check this site for posting by members. It is a good way to let members know what is going on in the Club.

DID YOU KNOW?

The History of the Wheat Penny



This Lincoln Head Wheat Penny is the last year that the wheat penny was minted.

The designer of the Lincoln penny was Victor D. Brenner, President Theodore Roosevelt met Victor D. Brenner while he was sitting for a portrait to be used of the Roosevelt-Panama medal. At that time, Brenner showed him a Lincoln plaque on which he had been working on. The President was so impressed with the design and theme that he recommended to the Secretary of the Treasury McVeagh that this design be used on a coin.

Brenner's designs were finally accepted after some refinements. More than 25 million Lincoln pennies were produced in Philadelphia in the year 1909 and were accumulated. It was felt there would be a great demand for these coins and was verified upon release.

They were not released until August 2, 1909. The demand was so great in Philadelphia that only a limited number could be obtained by each individual. The mint allowed only two to a customer and the sub treasury one hundred. People stood in line to obtain the pennies at face value. Those who did not stand in offered to buy them at a premium, and the price even soared to \$1.00 each in some cases. News boys and speculators sold them at two cents and five cents when they first came into circulation.

This is an article found by Dick and Julie King. Thank you for submitting it to the newsletter editors for members to read.

AUCTION for Annual Hunt

AMDA will be holding their annual Auction during the July meeting. All the money from the auction will go to purchase prizes for the Annual Hunt in September. Mickey Cone will be the auctioneer.

We want to encourage our members to donate items for the auction & also bring lots of \$\$\$ to spend at the auction.

The auction is a great fund raiser for our annual hunt. We hope to have a successful auction with all members participating.

The items you bring do not have to be related to our hobby. Anything that you have around your home that you do not use or would like to get rid of, bring it to the auction. This is a good way to do Summer Cleaning. Any donation (large or small) will help the club. Thank you in advance for contributing to our auction.

Treasurer's Report

June 8, 2009

Beginning Balance	\$606.53
Income:	
Raffle Ticket Sales	24.00
Annual Hunt Fees	175.00
FMDAC Dues	5.00
Raffle-Dick & Julie	50.00
Expenses	
Website (Apr.-June)	(38.85)
Monthly Raffle Prizes	(30.00)
May Snacks Reimb.	(20.00)
Annual Hunt Site	(74.00)
Annual Hunt Prizes	(206.57)
Annual Hunt Supplies	(25.00)
Ending Balance	\$466.11

Book Donated to AMDA

Eddie and Jeannie Crisp donated a book to the Club's library. The book is Early Albuquerque, A Photographic History 1870-1918.

Thank you, Eddie and Jeannie, for donating this book.

World's Largest Gold Nugget

Ray Alexander recently stayed at the Golden Nugget Hotel in Las Vegas, NV and had his picture taken with the world's largest Gold Nugget on public display "The Hand of Faith Nugget" and below it the "Robins Nugget"

The following written description was shown with the Nuggets:

“The Hand of Faith Nugget”

Found: October 1980 near Wedderburn, Australia.

The magnificent Gold Nugget, the largest on public display, was found lying 6 inches below the surface in a vertical position. It weighs a massive 875 Troy Oz. (61 lbs. 11 oz av).

A man who has chosen to remain anonymous, his wife, and four young children were prospecting behind their modest trailer home when they made this spectacular find.

“Robins Nugget”

Found November 9, 1975 near Bendigo, Victoria, Australia. Weight 189.7 Troy Oz. Formerly the largest native solid gold nugget on public display in the world.

Thank you, Ray, for submitting this article & picture for the newsletter.

June Monthly Hunt

The June monthly hunt was at UNM Johnson Field. Due to vacation, several members did not attend.

At the July meeting, we will get a report on the items found at the hunt and how many members attended.

Ray Alexander was the hunt master for the June hunt.

AMDA Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Terry Ellis, Vice-President.

Guests: Richard Ruble
George Campbell

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes by Julie King, 2nd by Ray Alexander.

The treasurer's report was read by Lucille Ellis. She gave an ending balance of \$466.11. Motion to accept by Tony Castillo, 2nd by Jim Westmoreland.

Old Business

Still need speakers at our monthly meeting.

VHS and DVD's on metal detecting are available to check out by club members.

The club's hunt on Gary Tom's grandparents property has been changed to August 14, 15 & 16th.

90 prizes have been acquired so far for the Annual Hunt, thanks to Jim Westmoreland who is in charge of the Annual Hunt Committee.

New Business

Tony Castillo is looking into a possible hunt at the old Memorial Hospital at 1-25 and Central.

There will be an auction at the July meeting to raise money for the annual hunt – Bring Lots of Stuff.

The finds table was empty at this months meeting.

Terry Ellis did find a 1959 Franklin Half this last month (in Oklahoma?).

Buy more Raffle Tickets to raise money for the annual hunt.

We took a break at 7:07 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:27 PM.

The monthly hunt will be at the UNM Johnson Field at 9:00 AM till noon on Saturday, June 13th. Ray Alexander will be hunt master.

Center Donation Drawing

1906 V-Nickel – Tony Castillo

Raffle

1921 Morgan Dollar.....Jim Westmoreland
1999 50 State Qtr. Proof ...Eddie Crisp
1938 Walking Liberty.....Julie King
1894 Barber Quarter.....Lucille Ellis
1908 Barber Dime.....Dick King
1911 V-Nickel.....Dan Rossbach
1776-1976 Eisenhower \$...Tom Murray
Oklahoma Tax Token.....Lucille Ellis

The 1776-1976 Eisenhower dollar & the Oklahoma Tax Token were donated by Terry & Lucille Ellis.

Jim Westmoreland continued the video on “Real World Techniques” by Thomas Dankowski. There was a short discussion on “pin pointing” with the detector coil. Jim will show the rest of the video at the July meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Ray Alexander, 2nd by Gary Tom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Murray
Secretary/2009

Let us know if you have anything of interest to add to the newsletter. You can see us at the meeting or drop us an e-mail at: tellis106@comcast.net

AMDA Officers - Past and Present

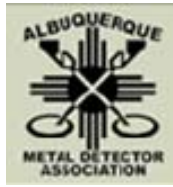
The club has a record of all the officers from 1992 to present. We thought this would be of interest to the members.

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
2009	Mickey Cone	Terry Ellis	Tom Murray	Lucille Ellis
2008	Cole Smith	Terry Ellis	Betty Veitch	Lucille Ellis
2007	Phillip Chappell	Vacant	Dan Salazar	Bob McNicol
2006	Phillip Chappell	Marty Hrivnak	Dan Salazar	Bob McNicol
2005	Phillip Chappell	Pancho Sanders	Tater Mae Sanders	John Pinkston
2004	Terry Easterly	Pancho Sanders	Julie King	Hank Hardy Co - John Pinkston
2003	Terry Easterly	Daniel Wilson	Dorothy Giaquinto	Hank Hardy Co - Karen Solecki
2002	Terry Easterly	Tom Cole	Sindy Easterly	Dorothy Giaquinto Co - Karen Solecki
2001	Terry Easterly	Karen Solecki	Randy Solecki	Dorothy Giaquinto
2000	Tom Cole	Karen Solecki	Randy Solecki	Dorothy Giaquinto
1999	Tom Cole	Karen Solecki	Dan Rossbach	Dorothy Giaquinto
1998	Fred Edmonston	Dennis Gleason	Tom Bretz	Dorothy Giaquinto
1997	Mildred Benton Co - Fred Edmonston	Lance Detotto	Tom Bretz	Dorothy Giaquinto
1996	Mildred Benton	Gene Scanlon	Tom Bretz	Dorothy Giaquinto
1995	Terry Trewett	Chuck Teyssier	Mildred Benton	Dorothy Giaquinto
1994	Jim Leighton	Terry Trewett	Mildred Benton	Dorothy Giaquinto
1993	Dick King	Kevin McDevitt	Mildred Benton	Dorothy Giaquinto
1992	Charles Lyke	Dick King	Mildred Benton	Dorothy Giaquinto

No Records - 1981 to 1991

The Club still has several of the members that have been past & present officers in the Club.

They are **Dick & Julie King**, **Terry & Lucille Ellis**, **Dan Salazar**, **Bob McNicol**, **Marty Hrivnak**, **Betty Veitch**, **Mickey Cone** and **Tom Murray**. **Dan Rossbach** was secretary in 1999 and he rejoined AMDA in April, 2009. **Dorothy Giaquinto** has a life time membership but due to her health is an inactive member.



**AMDA
Chuck Teyssier Memorial
Annual Hunt
Members Only**



**Saturday, Sept 19, 2009
At
Oak Flat Locust Picnic Area**

Schedule of Events

**09:00 – 09:30 – Check-in
09:30 – 11:00 – Hunt
11:00 – 11:30 – Record Finds
11:30 – 01:00 – Potluck Luncheon/Socializing
01:00 – 02:30 – Award Prizes
02:30 – 03:00 – Trading of Duplicate Prizes
03:00 – 03:30 – Cleanup**

Hunt Fees

**Sign up by May/June Meeting - \$25 / 10 Tickets
Sign up by July Meeting - \$25 / 5 Tickets
Sign up by August Meeting - \$25 / 1 Ticket
Sign up by Sept. Meeting - \$25
Day of Hunt - \$35 Cash Only**

Potluck Luncheon

**The club will provide bottle water,
flatware, paper plates & such.
Members are asked to bring a side dish or desert.
Also drinks for your family**

Directions to Hunt Site:

**I-40 east, exit 175 (Tijeras), go south on hwy
337 for 8.7 miles, turn left onto Oak Flat Rd (FR
413), go 1 mile, turn left and follow AMDA signs
to Locust Picnic area.**


Hunt being held Rain or Shine

HUNT RULES

- 1. Hunt time 9:30am to 11:00am.**
- 2. No big foot or clean sweep coils.**
- 3. No picks or shovels.**
- 4. There will be 1 hunt.
Adults 18 and over**
- 5. Hunts will be held rain or shine.**
- 6. All hunters must wear headphones.**
- 7. All holes must be filled in.**
- 8. Only hunters are permitted on the hunt field, all observers must remain outside the hunt field at all times.**
- 9. All targets will be buried no deeper than 1-2 inches.**
- 10. Decisions of the Hunt Master are final.**

Members Anniversary
None

Annual Hunt Committee
Jim Westmoreland
Ray Alexander
Terry Ellis


Happy Birthday
June
Allan Veitch..... June 6
Jim Rainey..... June 17
Tony Castillo June 19
Terry Ellis..... June 29

Research Committee
Tony Castillo

Membership Committee
Julie King
Jim Westmoreland

Officers
PresidentMickey Cone
Vice President Terry Ellis
SecretaryTom Murray
TreasurerLucille Ellis

Refreshment Schedule 2009
July.....Dan Rossbach

June refreshments were provided by Gary & Cheri Tom. Thank you!

Executive Committee
3 year Vacant
3 year Vacant
2 yearDwayne Argaud – 1st yr
2 yearGary Tom - 2nd yr
1 year.....Jim Westmoreland

Meetings
AMDA meets at 6:30 PM the second Monday of each month at Los Griegos Center, 1231 Candelaria NW.

For more information call Terry Ellis at (505) 294-5296.

Other Positions
Newsletter Editor Terry & Lucille Ellis
Web Site Editor Terry Ellis
Prize Official..... Betty Veitch
Hunt Master Monthly sign up sheet
Photographer..... Julie King

Club Mailing Address
Albuquerque Metal Detectors Association
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Monthly Hunt Schedule 2009

January 17.....	February 21
March 14.....	April 18
May 16	June 13
July 18	August 15
September 19.....	October 17
November 14.....	December - <u>No Hunt</u>

FOR SALE– AMDA CAPS
Cost is \$8 per cap. If you pay by cash, please bring the exact amount.

For Sale
 Club members can advertise items for sale here. If you have something for sale, let us know & we will put it in the newsletter.

Reminders
Aluminum
 Allan Veitch collects aluminum from club members to benefit the Annual Hunt. Please bring your cans and other aluminum scraps in bags to each meeting for Allan (or Betty) to pick up.

Food Donation to the Center
 Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the center in exchange for our use of the facility.

AMDA Website
 Be sure and check out our club website often – <http://www.amdaclub.com>. Our website allows club members to post items of interest and look at club activities, tip etc. To check out “Member Only” section you will need the user name and password. If you do not have this information, please e-mail the newsletter editor at tellis106@comcast.net.

WORD OF CAUTION – there is a section on the forum (what’s new) that is open to anyone interested. If you choose to post or reply in this section, be sure that you send accurate information – especially when replying to questions from the public.

REMINDER – Please do not share the password with non-members.

Treasure Hunter’s Code of Ethics

1. NEVER TRESPASS. Always obtain permission prior to entering private property or mineral claims.
2. FILL ALL HOLES, regardless how remote the location, and never dig in a way that will damage or be damaging to property.
3. NEVER DESTROY priceless historical or archaeological treasures.
4. DO NOT build fires, camp or park in non-designated or restricted areas.
5. LEAVE all gates and other accesses to land as found.
6. NEVER LITTER. Always pack out what you take in, and remove all trash dug in your search.
7. DO NOT damage, deface, destroy, or vandalize any property (including ghost towns and deserted structures). Never tamper with any equipment at the site.
8. RESPECT AND UPHOLD all finders, search and salvage agreements.
9. ABIDE by all laws – national, state, county and local.
10. ALL METAL-DETECTORISTS AND TREASURE HUNTERS ARE JUDGED BY THE EXAMPLE YOU SET. Conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration for others.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ANNUAL HUNT.

Site Links (AMDA Website)

(1) On-line Treasure Magazine:

American Digger Magazine <http://www.americandigger.com/>
Lost Treasure <http://www.losttreasure.com/>
Western & Eastern Treasures <http://www.treasurenet.com/westeast/>

(2) Metal Detector Manufactures:


Garrett Metal Detectors <http://www.garrett.com/>
Minelab Metal Detectors <http://www.minelabusa.com/>
White's Metal Detectors <http://www.whiteelectronics.com/>

(3) Interest Links:

Mama's Minerals <http://www.mamasminerals.com/>



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